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POTOSI, MISSOURI

The people of the United States are fond of bananas. They ate 1,235,000,000 of them last year.

Almost one-sixteenth of the population of the District of Columbia is made up of widows.

Queen Victoria suffers a great deal from rheumatism in her knees. Unkneesy lies the head, etc.

It is estimated since the Christian era began over 4,000,000,000 human beings have perished in war.

The amount of money invested in electrical industries in this country is something over \$1,000,000,000.

Mr. Louis Gathmann, a "western astronomer," claims to have seen grass on the moon. Let him look again and maybe he will see the sign: "Keep Off," and so on.

Patti will spend the winter in Europe, and it is uncertain what she will do next year. She ought to settle down to the quiet enjoyment of her large surplus of American dollars.

The corn crop of the United States is estimated this year at 1,200,000,000 bushels. It has averaged for the past nineteen years 1,610,000,000 bushels. In 1874 the yield was but 850,000,000 bushels, and in 1876 was 1,284,000,000 bushels.

A woman raised an umbrella in an Ohio town the other day and several horses ran away, and fifteen people were either killed or seriously injured. All of which but redemonstrates the fact that a woman and an umbrella form about the most deadly combination known to modern science.

The islet of Massowa, in the Red sea, where Italy is sending its anarchists, is one of the hottest places in the world, and escape from it in that sterile region would be very difficult. The plan of sending the anarchists somewhere to practice their cult upon each other is meeting with favor.

A woman in Australia who had not seen her husband for some time became impatient and had the following advertisement inserted in a newspaper: "If William Fulton does not turn up in three months, or else give some support to his family, his wife, Charlotte Fulton, intends to marry again."

CY. WARREN, the author of the song "Sweet Marie," says the song is now bringing in for him and Raymon Moore, the composer of its music, \$2,000 a month. The old fellow who said he cared not who made the laws of a nation as long as he could make its songs, was a man of unusual financial astuteness.

The supreme court of Oklahoma has decided that a couple of hundred divorce judgments granted by the lower courts in that territory are invalid. Some of the divorced people have remarried in various parts of the country. If the decision shall tend to discourage the wildest divorce industry it will be a good thing.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES has not hesitated to express his pride in the fact that the year of his birth gave to the world four of its great men—Tennyson, Darwin and Gladstone, in England, and Abraham Lincoln in this country. And when his own name was added to the list the doctor modestly added: "Oh, I sneaked in, as it were."

WEATHER PROPHET SWANN, of Kansas, claims that he predicted the drought of this year ten years ago and foretold the wet year of 1893, and he now predicts that 1896 and 1897 will be good crop years. His theory is that the best wheat crops occur in even years. Swann has kept a record of the weather for nearly sixty years and believes in "cycles." It is really pleasant to see a man so perfectly satisfied with himself as a prophet.

NEW JERSEY has a state hangman named James Van Hise, and he officiated at the recent execution of Altemberger, who was hanged for murdering Katie Rupp a year and a half ago. The fee for hanging a man is \$250, and Van Hise made application to the sheriff at Jersey City for his year. He was disgusted at ascertaining that a garnish suit on an old debt that he supposed had been forgotten had got in ahead of him. He declared that it was a new way of "cheating the hangman."

A strenuous effort is making in Baltimore to raise funds for the proposed monument to Francis Scott Key, who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" during the bombardment of Fort M'Henry by the British in 1814. The monument is to overlook Palisades and Fort M'Henry and the battlefield on Palisades neck and will stand where the defenders of Baltimore threw up breastworks to defend the city against the British. It is strange that such a monument has not been previously undertaken. Key gave his country its favorite national anthem in words which will never die.

The danger from derelict vessels on the ocean is not duly understood by the average dweller on land. The latest Pilot Chart of the North Atlantic ocean issued by the United States hydrographic bureau states that during the last seven years no less than 1,000 of these have been reported, that the average number constantly afloat is estimated to be 233 per year, and that the average period a derelict is afloat after having been abandoned is about thirty days. But some of them persist much longer, one vessel being reported forty-four times since its abandonment three years ago.

A FATHER of some marriageable daughters, not far from Mount Vernon, N. Y., had a sofa upholstered, and there is a list of what was found between the back and cushion: Forty-seven hairpins, 19 suspender buttons, 3 cigarette combs, 13 needles, 25 cigarettes, 8 photographs, 317 pins, 70 grains of coffee, 46 cloves, 27 cuff buttons, 6 pocketknives, 15 poker chips, a vial of homeopathic medicine, 14 lumps of chewing gum, 50 toothpicks, 35 matches, 28 collar buttons, 11 neckties, 2 love letters, a few pieces of candy, 3 dimes, 3 quarters, 1 nickel, 5 buckles, 5 lead pencils, 1 pen and 4 button hooks.

## Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FROM WASHINGTON.

ADVENTURERS were said to be destroying all the animals in Alaska by the indiscriminate use of poison.

The present tariff law makes no provision for a duty upon preserved fruits.

INSTRUCTIONS were given the United States consul at Hamburg to detain all immigrants to America from East and West Prussia, Posen and Silesia during the prevalence of cholera in those districts.

EXCHANGES at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 21st aggregated \$900,257,945, against \$853,263,145 the previous week. The decrease, compared with the corresponding week in 1895, is 12.5 per cent.

IN the United States there were 213 business failures in the seven days ended on the 21st, against 237 the week previous and 321 in the corresponding time in 1895.

THE EAST.

The democrats in Pennsylvania made the following congressional nominations: First district, D. J. Callahan (dem.); Second, Max Herzberg (dem.); Third, J. P. McCullen (dem.); Fourth, G. Muller (dem.); Fifth, David Moffet (dem.); Twentieth, T. J. Burke (dem.).

At a meeting of the board of directors in New York L. C. Veir, of Cincinnati, was elected president of the Adams Express company.

IN New York the industrious hammering by bears forced December wheat options to 58 1/2 cents, a new low record.

IN Boston the ready-made clothing industry was paralyzed by a strike of 5,000 employees.

LOCOMOTIVE firemen in convention at Harrisburg, Pa., agreed not to strike as long as contracts were not violated.

At the United States veterinary convention in Philadelphia the docking of horses' tails was condemned.

IN the jail at Pittsburgh, Pa., George Schumacher was hanged for murdering his wife and two children.

PAULUSKA in New York were puzzled over the case of a woman weighing ninety-eight pounds, but who could not be lifted against her will.

The noted opera singer, Mme. Amy Fursch-Madl, died in Warrenville, N. J. She was about 50 years old.

AN injunction to prevent the sugar trust doing business in the state was refused in the supreme court at Boston.

The constitutional convention of New York adopted a civil service amendment recommending old soldiers for office.

The famous Chicago caterer, Herbert M. Kinsley, died in New York from the effects of a surgical operation. He was 63 years old.

FIRE destroyed the Grand View hotel at Atlantic Highlands, N. J., the loss being \$100,000.

A LAWS adopted by the New York constitution convention prohibits book-making in the state.

For the week ended on the 22d the percentages of the baseball clubs in the national league were: Baltimore, .609; New York, .602; Boston, .635; Philadelphia, .579; Brooklyn, .544; Cleveland, .526; Pittsburgh, .492; Chicago, .428; Cincinnati, .415; St. Louis, .406; Washington, .392; Louisville, .382.

IN New York Sanford failed to lift Mrs. Abbott, the ninety-eight-pound woman who has astonished physicians with her peculiar power.

AT Duryea, Pa., five acres of ground sunk and twenty-six dwelling houses were wrecked.

WEST AND SOUTH.

BECAUSE of domestic trouble Lafayette Prince, a wealthy farmer living near Cleveland, O., killed his wife with an ax and then cut his own throat.

JAMES HULLEN and Robert Clemens fought a duel with knives at Blackville, Ga., and both were mortally wounded.

A son, lynched David Goosby (colored), who assaulted and killed a girl at Thomasville, Ga.

AT Galesburg, Ill., Alix dethroned Nancy Hanks as queen of the trotting turf by reeling off a mile in 2:03 1/4.

SUGAR planters in Louisiana applied for a mandamus against Secretary Carlisle to compel the inspection of sugar lands.

FARMERS near Lincoln, O. T., lynched Perry Cook, suspected of stealing horses.

MILTON F. JORDAN, of Barry county, democratic nominee for lieutenant governor of Michigan, has declined.

The democrats of the Fifth Missouri district renominated J. C. Tarsney for congress.

NOMINATIONS for congress were made as follows: Minnesota, Third district, J. P. Heatwole (rep.); Nebraska, First district, Mayor Weir (dem.); Tennessee, Fourth district, J. H. Denton (rep.).

AT Fort Smith, Ark., John Poynter was hanged for murdering William Bolding and Ed von der Vor on December 25, 1891, in the Indian country.

FOR dispensing beer at a recent picnic Bishop Maes suspended the Catholic Young Men's institute of Covington, Ky.

DIRECTLY paced a mile at Galesburg, Ill., in 2:07 1/4, reducing the 2-year-old record from 2:09.

IN session at Chattanooga the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Old Fellows decided to admit women to the order.

BICYCLES and electric lines have reduced the average value of horses in the United States from 25 to 50 per cent.

AT Savannah, Ga., the Reeves Warehouse company failed for \$300,000.

AT London, O., a train struck a buggy and Mrs. H. L. Jewell, of Greeley, Col., was killed and Mabel and Helen Stutz were fatally injured.

FOR counterfeiting silver dollars William Ledbetter, a farmer, and J. H. Clayton, an engineer, living near St. Clair, Mo., were arrested.

ONE of the conspirators in the Grant assassination, Wilson Woodley, was hanged at Montgomery, Ala.

NOTWICKERS Iowa and southern Minnesota were swept by a cyclone that killed two persons at Emmetsburg, Ia., and three at Leroy, Minn. Dodge Center and Lowther, in Minnesota, were devastated.

IN Columbus, O., a company has been incorporated to build an electric road from Pittsburgh to Chicago and to furnish heat and light to towns along the line.

RAIN and hail did great damage throughout central Iowa. At Knoxville the storm was especially severe.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

THE MISSOURI Mexican Veteran association held its fifteenth annual reunion at Marshall on the 18th.

THE body of J. Q. Walker was found in the reservoir of the Willow Springs water works the other day. Supposed to have been a case of suicide.

THE grand lodge of the order of the Eastern Star held a two days' session at Chillicothe September 18-19. About 200 delegates were in attendance.

SEVERAL persons were injured at Sturgeon the other day by the falling of a platform that had been erected for the accommodation of visitors at a colt show.

THE governor has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of the unknown murderer of Thomas Clark, of Pettis county. The murder was committed on the 11th.

THE grand jury at Mexico found a true bill against Henry C. Hinton for the murder of Druggist W. H. Houghland, near Benton City, on the night of September 1.

W. F. HALL, aged 20 years, committed suicide at Piedmont the other day by shooting himself. He left a note stating that his father lived near Farmington, Mo. Cause known.

THE Mexican general, elected Col. T. P. Hoy, of Sedalia, president, and James Martin, of Marshall, secretary and treasurer. Salisbury was selected as the next meeting place.

DURING the fair at St. Joseph William Gardner, a youth, was drinking a glass of beer at a stand on the fair grounds when a bottle of pop near by exploded, and Gardner was cut about the face. He will lose the sight of both eyes.

AT a late special election held in Knox county on the proposition of the bondholders to settle the balance of about \$300,000 at 65 cents on the dollar the M. & M. R. T. bonds which have caused so much litigation for years, the proposition was carried by 900 majority.

ADAM LAW, a prosperous farmer in the eastern part of Sullivan county, attempted suicide the other night by slashing his face and throat with a razor and trying to beat out his brains with a sled hammer. He gave as his reason that he was afraid he was going to starve to death. He has been a miser all his life and is worth \$75,000.

LEWEL JEVONS, a young stockman, living near Forest City, visited the fair and races at St. Joseph the other day and left the ground under the influence of liquor, in company with two strangers. Jevons was deceived to the river bank, and robbed of \$200. His skull was fractured and he could not survive his injuries. The murderers escaped.

W. R. BELT, until recently mail clerk at the penitentiary, has filed charges before the prison inspectors against Warden J. L. Pace and they will be investigated. The charges are using state money in his private home, charging a suit for a convict to the state, that he let two prisoners send out sealed letters and that he retained a dishonest convict in his employ.

CLARA WELSH, daughter of W. E. Welsh, a former resident of Kansas City, attempted suicide at Rolla by jumping from the observatory of the old conservatory building, a distance of 40 feet. Her injuries were terrible and would probably result in her death. Her parents, it is said, objected to her receiving attentions from a young preacher. She was only 14 years of age.

WHILE Deputy Sheriff Wilson was reading a warrant to E. Garrison at Chesapeake, Lawrence county, the old convict, ordering his arrest, burglar, Garrison drew his revolver and fired at Wilson, shooting him in the leg. Wilson opened fire on Garrison, who was holding a child in his lap, and shot the child in the arm and Garrison through the abdomen. Garrison escaped, badly wounded.

ON the night of the 13th Francis M. Logan, who during the last thirty years has destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of property all over the United States, pleaded guilty in the criminal court at Kansas City the other day to setting fire to the yards of the Kansas City Lumber Co. on the night of August 16, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years. For similar crimes he has already served terms in a half dozen different penitentiaries.

THE grand chapter of the order of the Eastern Star, recently in session at Chillicothe, elected the following officers: Grand matron, Mrs. Sue M. Tuttle; Moberly; grand patron, W. H. Wakefield, Kansas City; grand assistant matron, Mrs. G. F. Wyatt, Springfield; grand assistant patron, Mrs. T. S. Kelly; Moberly; grand treasurer, Mrs. Hattie P. Reber, St. Louis; grand secretary, Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, St. Louis; grand conductress, Mrs. Rosa L. Harris, Neosho; grand assistant conductress, Mrs. Hattie Barney, Chillicothe.

THE Missouri Methodist Protestant church conference closed its session at Nevada on the 17th. The following appointments were made: Chillicothe circuit, J. M. R. Bates; C. P. Barnes; Eldorado, J. H. Hubbard; Eldridge, T. W. Suiter; Flat Creek, R. Ellis; Lincoln, L. A. Smith; Leroy, C. Barnes; Lamar, J. S. Baldwin; Monett, R. M. Morgan; Marionville, B. Dill; Nevada, J. S. Baldwin; Osage circuit, F. E. Hammer; Oranoga and Pleasant Hill, S. M. Richardson; C. L. Echhoff, Gen. Ezekiel's lieutenant, is reported to be in Los Angeles awaiting to accompany his chief on his mission to Mexico.

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## PLAYED A LONE HAND.

AN Eighteen-Year-Old Boy Robs a Bank.

Securing all the Money in Sight—He Then Makes a Desperate Effort to Escape, but is Knocked Down with a Brick, and, Covered by a Revolver, Surrenders—The Money Recovered.

MOUNT STERLING, Ill., Sept. 25.—Ralph Conklin, a boy of 18, yesterday, single-handed, robbed the Bloomfield Skiles bank here and compelled the cashier to hand over \$411.

Conklin lives on a farm near here. On his way to town yesterday he met Mack Dunbar, and at the point of a pistol appropriated Dunbar's horse and came into Mount Sterling with a mask over his face. Tying his horse in the rear of the bank, he entered and, approaching cashier Milstead, commanded him to throw up his hands.

Without heeding his command Milstead took to his heels and escaped by a rear door.

Conklin quickly pocketed all the money in sight, and passing out the door mounted his horse. He was about to ride away when Constable Snodgrass arrived and pulled him to the ground. Conklin broke away, however, and ran down the street. A citizen, by name John Nighswander, tried to catch Conklin, when he drew his revolver and fired, the ball passing through Nighswander's coat.

Conklin kept on his wild flight and reaching the court he attempted to steal a horse and cart, but was knocked down with a brick. At this moment a citizen drew a revolver and compelled the young bandit to surrender. The money was recovered, and the young outlaw was placed in jail.

SUCCESSFUL EXPLORATIONS.

Return of Members of the University of Pennsylvania Expedition to Labrador.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Sept. 25.—Prof. Hite and Messrs. Bucknell, Perkins and Collins, comprising the University of Pennsylvania expedition to northern Labrador, arrived here Sunday night, after a two months' successful exploration.

The expedition started on the ill-fated Miranda, their original intention being to proceed to Hamilton inlet; thence explore Grand Falls and the interior; but the iceberg accident to the Miranda and the illness of Mr. Bucknell, who was second in command of the expedition, compelled the modification of their plans, so they determined to explore Sandwich bay.

They landed at Cape Charles from the Miranda, proceeded north on a mail steamer and explored White Bear and Eagle Paradise rivers, and made partial surveys. Messrs. Perkins and Collins penetrated into the interior. Altogether they discovered rapid falls, sixty feet high, and made a very extensive natural history collection; also some important geographical discoveries. They would have succeeded far better, but Mr. Bucknell's illness, the result of a sunstroke before he left New York, became so serious that his companions were compelled to carry him to Cartwright, a London Bay Co.'s post.

Prof. Hite proposes returning there next year, and will charter a steamer to convey a party of professors and students.

TWO THOUSAND PRISONERS.

Overcome the Russian Guards and Escape from Siberia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—By the steamer Rio Janeiro, which arrived from the Orient yesterday, news was received of the escape of 2,000 prisoners from Siberia. The men were employed in the construction of the Siberian railway and had, as late developments proved, been planning the escape for several months.

Meager advices received at Yokohama concerning the break for liberty are that the men overpowered the Russian soldiers, who were guarding them, and securing all the arms they could, fled. What last heard of them was making their way towards Korea, and it is believed that they are now safely within the borders of that country to secure passage to more distant ports.

The Russian government forwarded the request to Korean officials to assist in the capture of the refugees and to hand them over as fast as apprehended to the Russian authorities.

GREATLY EXAGGERATED.

The Stories of a Tax Levy War in Kentucky Without Foundation in Fact.

HENDERSON, Ky., Sept. 25.—The sensational stories of a tax levy war in Sturgis and elsewhere in this section of the state concerning probable warfare in Sturgis tax district are, in the main, without a particle of truth. Sheriff Blackwell has met with much opposition in his attempt to execute the orders of the court in the tax cases, which were brought on bonds issued to build a road, never built, but it has not been as serious a character as reported.

The plain truth is the plaintiffs whose executions are in the hands of the sheriff, are giving publicity to the stories of armed deputies and marching posses in hope of effecting a settlement of their claims. If a compromise is not effected the sheriff will proceed to levy under the executions, and will meet with considerable opposition, but unless headbonds do something no serious trouble will result.

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## FROM THE ORIENT.

Latest News by the Steamer City of Rio de Janeiro—Various Treaties in Preparation.

—Li Hung Chang's Visit to Korea, but a Neutral Port—Offered Mediation Refused by Japan—Spies Arrested—Keeping an Eye on Things.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—The steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, which arrived from the Orient shortly before 9 a. m. yesterday, brings Chinese advices up to August 29 and Japanese up to September 9.

Treaties in Preparation.

The Asahi, a Japanese paper, says: "We have already stated that a treaty with the United States was in progress and almost completed. We hear now that it has been completed and that the United States government has appointed, by cable, Mr. Dun, its minister in this country, minister plenipotentiary for the ratification and exchange of ratifications."

"We believe," remarks the China Gazette, "that we are not premature in stating that the formalities have been arranged and everything is out and dried for the completion of a new set of trading regulations between Great Britain and China, which we are assured will be found very advantageous to the former, from a commercial point of view at least."

The Emperor of China Spelling for a Fight.

The Shanghai Mercury says it is rumored in Peking that the emperor has expressed his desire to personally take charge of the operations in Korea and to leave the throne under the regency of the empress dowager. When his majesty made known his desire, his hearers are said to have knocked their foreheads and prayed his majesty not to let his anger drive him so far as to engage with so paltry an enemy, but to let his officers drive off the barbarians.

The defenses of Moukden, the home of the Thing dynasty, are being strengthened, the garrison having been reinforced by 8,000 trained troops.

Li Hung Chang's Inauspicious Declaration of War.

"It was rumored some time ago," says a Japanese journal, "that Chang Tse Tung and others were going to impeach Li Hung Chang, but nothing has resulted. It is even said that the appointment was made to deceive the Peking government. That government," continues the same paper, "considered it most inauspicious that Li Hung Chang should declare war when the empress dowager was about to celebrate her sixty-first birthday. The emperor was especially angry and threatened to humble the power of Li Hung Chang. Through the emperor could easily have effected this, his counselors warned him that in that case the viceroy might do the country infinite harm by allying himself with foreign ministers, and advised him to appoint an impeachment commission to keep him in subjection. The emperor, who is afraid of foreign ministers, reconsidered his resolution. Li Hung Chang, who got sent of this change on the emperor's part, communicated with Chang Tse Tung, who was reported to be hostile to himself, so that Chang begged permission to form a commission. The reason of Chang's consent to become Li Hung Chang's accuser, at the latter's request, is that he possesses the largest iron manufactory in China, and being short of money, and the works being threatened with ruin, he means to set them at work again through the viceroy's assistance. The Peking government, ignorant of all this conspiracy, has already given 2,500,000 taels toward war expenses, and will even abolish the empress dowager's celebration to defray the cost of the war."

Unfair to a Neutral Port.

The foreign consuls at Shanghai, with the Portuguese consul at their head, communicated with the Taoti in connection with the neutrality of the port; but as the Taoti's action was unsatisfactory they held a meeting. As a result of the meeting the following resolutions were presented to the Taoti.

Resolved, That the action of the Taoti at Shanghai is most unfair to a neutral port, and if he continues to act in such a violent manner, troops shall be landed from British, French and American men-of-war for the protection of the inhabitants of the settlement.

An Offer to Mediate Rejected by Japan.

The British and Russian ministers at Peking lately met Li Hung Chang and offered to mediate for an armistice for the reason that if the Chinese army, which he had amassed with so much trouble at Heijo were defeated, it would be a great disgrace to China.

Li Hung Chang who had been frightened by defeats at Fung Tong Tao, and Gazan, and had secretly been hoping for mediation, eagerly seized this opportunity and requested the two ministers to mediate. The ministers then made the same proposal to the Japanese government, which firmly declined, as it had entered upon the war with great determination and was not now to be turned away by such a proposal.

Japanese Spies Arrested.

The case of two alleged Japanese spies arrested on the French coast and delivered to the United States consul general, is still under consideration at Peking.

United States Consul-General Jorjani is active in having all Japanese not identified with Shanghai by important business relations returned to Japan, and last week about 100 of the men were home.

Keeping an Eye on Things.

The British man-of-war Centurion left Chefoo August 28, with three other men-of-war, for Jinson. The British China squadron is, at its government's orders, cruising in Korean waters to watch the progress of the war and to keep an eye on the movement of Russia and France, but as the squadron is not large enough to watch the Russians at Vladivostok and the French in Tonquin, the commander of the squadron has telegraphed home for a dispatch of three men-of-war from the Northern Pacific squadron. Vessels from other squadrons will undoubtedly be dispatched to the northern port.

Li Hung Chang an Old Man.

"Li Hung Chang," says the Yomiuri, "is in his seventy-third year. For ten years he has been subject to apoplexy and half his face is paralyzed. In peace time he never goes to his office, but stays at home; but in spite of his age and disease he rides every morning and reviews the troops."

A Norwegian steamer has, since July, been carrying munitions of war between Shanghai and Formosa. She is under eight months' contract some of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co.'s steamers are now flying the British flag.

## THE HIGHEST AWARD.

Royal Baking Powder in Strength and Value 20 Per Cent. Above Its Nearest Competitor.

The Royal Baking Powder has the enviable record of having received the highest award for articles of its class—greatest strength, purest ingredients, most perfectly combined, wherever exhibited in competition with others. In the exhibitions of former years, at the Centennial, at Paris, Vienna and at the various State and Industrial fairs, where it has been exhibited, judges have invariably awarded the Royal Baking Powder the highest honors.

At the recent World's Fair the examinations for the baking powder awards were made by the experts of the chemical division of the Agricultural Department of Washington. The report of the tests of the baking powder which were made by this department for the specific purpose of ascertaining which was the best, and which has been made public, shows the leavening